

EARTH DAY CERTIFICATE



I, _____, promise to celebrate
(your name)

**Earth Day every day! I will take time each day
to do something to help the planet we share.**

50 WAYS TO MAKE EARTH BETTER



RECYCLE

- Recycle aluminum cans
- Recycle plastics
- Recycle newspapers and cardboard
- Recycle glass bottles
- Avoid Styrofoam containers – they can't be recycled
- Look for the recycle sign on products that you or your family buy

REDUCE WASTE

- Use recycled paper
- Write on both sides of paper
- Choose drinks in returnable bottles
- Buy in bulk to use less packaging
- Repair broken toys instead of throwing them away

REUSE

- Trade old toys and clothes with friends
- Turn old cans into pencil holders or planters
- Donate used toys and clothes to charity for others to enjoy
- Reuse plastic bags
- Rinse and reuse glass jars
- Make paper scraps into greeting cards
- Use a lunchbox or reuse paper bags
- Give old books and magazines to libraries
- Make wrapping paper out of old newspapers
- Use leftover food as compost to help your garden grow

DON'T LITTER

- Throw litter into trash cans
- Plant a clean-up day in your park or school
- Clean up wherever you play

SAVE PAPER, SAVE TREES

- Use cloth napkins and cloth dish towels instead of paper ones
- Plant a tree or suggest your school plant one
- Use regular plates and cups instead of paper ones

SAVE WATER

- Take short showers instead of baths
- Ask your parents to fix leaky faucets
- Turn water off while you brush your teeth
- Keep iced water in the refrigerator to avoid running water to cool it

SAVE ENERGY

- Turn off the TV if nobody's watching it
- Turn out the lights you don't need
- Decide what you want before opening the refrigerator door
- Wash dishes by hand, not by dishwasher
- Ride a bike or walk instead of asking for a ride
- Read by daylight
- Tightly close windows on cold nights to save heat

SAVE THE ANIMALS

- Snip plastic 6-pack rings to save birds from getting tangled
- Don't buy anything made of Ivory or tortoise shell—they come from endangered animals
- Plant flowers to beautify your yard and help feed wildlife

DO ALL YOU CAN

- Don't use aerosol sprays that harm Earth's ozone layer
- Choose items that don't use batteries
- If you need batteries, buy rechargeable ones
- Ask your parents to buy nontoxic household cleaners

GET EDUCATED AND INVOLVED

- Check out websites about the environment
- Join environmental groups
- Praise others when they improve our planet
- Make posters supporting earthcare

**CELEBRATE EARTH DAY
EVERY DAY!!!**